## Executive Council Agenda January 27, 2022 4:00pm Eastern

## YMCA Welcome Center Meeting Room 7540 Hull Street Rd, North Chesterfield, VA 23235

EC Roll Call: Kate Ayers, Eric Lin, Djbril Niang, Mel Borja

ONA Staff: Grace Reynolds, Marsha Velez, AmeriCorps Vista

## Absent:

| Topic | Discussion                | Decisions / Actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Eric  | Welcome/Intro             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Kate  | Roll Call                 | All present + Quorum                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|       | Public Comment            | No one present for public comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Grace | ONA/Administration Update | Grace continues to work with SIP/WES program and DEI work with teacher licensure. Grace is working to clarify the language of some of those bills to make it more accessible. HB979- (Kathy Tran). SB68 (Travola) is in the Senate. Bill is out there for healthcare licensure |

|     |                          | as well SB676 (Desteff)  Action: Mel will send a list of house and senate bills that would impact refugee/immigrant communities to the ONAAB email. EC will look at the list and then decide who to send out the message to the board about the information. Eric will check with Susan about who is best to send the bill list to the rest of the board.  Eric: Decided to not send a welcome letter to the governor to keep a low profile but will try to connect with the new Officer of DEI. |
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| All | Meeting Debrief          | Kate: Congratulated Djbril- meeting was well put together, shared information that people wanted to hear.  Djbril shared that he testified to support the passing of a African Diaspora Heritage Month + African Diaspora Advisory Board. (McLellan SB491)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| EC  | April Meeting Discussion | Intergovernmental Committee focus for the April meeting.  Mel will talk to Jen about the structure- they                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

|     |                                                                                                                | will have 2-3 hours to present. Mel will report their agenda at next month's EC meeting.  For April's meeting, we can make sure to have committee's report out what they are working on, and their needs. We can discuss the board putting together a survey that addresses the questions that each committee may need to be answered.  Kate will contact the committee leads to remind them of getting the meeting minutes-Amelia- Access to services Jen- Intergovernmental Bo- Economic Opportunity |
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|     |                                                                                                                | Lunch- Grace will look into options of immigrant owned restaurants and different ways for payment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| All | VCU Immigrant Integration Virtual Presentation (ONAAB, VAAB, VLAB, VAAAB)                                      | Grace sent out the invitation for the webinar this past week. Feb 7; 3:45-5:00PM.  The invitation list is just the advisory boards listed; VCU does not want the data to be shared to a larger audience yet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| All | Community Mapping<br>Roundtables (Resettlement Agencies, Locality Outreach, New<br>American Serving Orgs etc.) | We want to make sure we have people from our board to continue working on the community mapping activity. Grace will continue working on organization the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

|         | information we already have and then organization Grace and Eric will work on putting together a way to collect ongoing and new information.  We need to have the people from the board who work in specific areas to start meeting and doing some fact finding.  Eric: One idea is for the local community |
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|         | engagement people (Raina, Delila, + Karla) to present at April's meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|         | Grace: Would like to explore having larger level conversations with other localities throughout the state. (Ex: Schedule a meeting of all the local outreach directors) ONA can serve as a convener of these larger conversations.                                                                          |
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